



CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA

January 23, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES as approved

St. MARYS INTRACOASTAL GATEWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER *at 9:00 AM sharp by Mr. Gant.*

II. ROLL CALL

QUORUM: YES__XX__ NO__

In attendance: *Mr. Jim Gant; Mr. John Morrissey; Mr. Roger A. Weaver; Ms. Teddie Lockhart Ms. Kay Westberry; Mr. Jim Lomis; Mr. Steve Crowell; Mr. A. J. Jones; Mr. David Keating (non-voting).*

Absent: *Mr. Sidney Howell; Mr. Craig Root; Ms. Mary Neff; Mr. Phil Jones.*

Visitors: *Ms. Johna Rush*

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Review and approval of minutes of Meeting of 12/7/11 Motion by Mr. Loomis, Second by Ms. Westberry, Unanimous*

IV. PRESENTATION

A. None at this time.

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA *Motion to approve by Mr. Lomis, second by Ms. Lockhart; to approve agenda with the following addition: ADD item E, to New Business for discussion on marketing of property and the use any funds raised by the use of the property. Unanimous.*

VI. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: *No DISCUSSION*

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Update on the TE grant and the CIG grant. *Mr. Weaver discussed the receipt of the signed TE grant contract, and the almost completed CIG grant documents. City Goal is to have the work done on the CIG grant prior to July 1, 2012. The TE grant will take longer. (NOTE: For in kind grant purposes, discussion was 15 minutes for each grant at this meeting (9 persons times 15 minutes equals 2.25 hours for each grant.)*
- B. Update on status of the demolition of the Boat House. *All structures are down to the slab/footer level. The site is being cleaned up and will be free of structures very shortly.*
- C. Discuss and determine projects, issues, and other requirements that need to be monitored either as part of the grant or as part of the mission of the SMIG Committee. *Mr. Weaver was asked to present a time line for discussion at the next SMIG meeting showing milestones and other appropriate items to replace this line item.*

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion on term limits for Committee members. *The consensus of the SMIG committee has no desire to implement or request term limits. Committee members were selected by Council to guide the SMIG project to completion.*
- B. Update on meeting with DNR about the waterfront, including the SMIG project. *Mr. Weaver noted the very tentative planning for the Waterfront area. This is a evolving concept and not anywhere ready for any detailed discussions.*
- C. Update on economic trends as related to future development of the site. *Mr. Loomis noted that we appear to be at the bottom of the economic process, but the economy is coming back. Ms. Lockhart noted that the City could purchase a 'tent' for future use by the citizens. Ms. Lockhart also discussed the possibility of having a Realtor day at the site.*
- D. Discussion on possible Spring 2012 RFP. *Mr. A. J. Jones thinks that a Spring 2012 RFP would be possible with the RFP edited into an abbreviated form.*

- E. Discussion on marketing of property and the use any funds raised by the use of the property: *Mr. Gant noted the need to prepare a list of actions in regard to marketing the site: Ms. Lockhart will contact realtors; Mr. A. J. Jones will prepare a sign for posting on the property; Mr. Morrissey suggested a subcommittee for preparation of a marketing plan. Mr. Gant asked for members to serve on this subcommittee: Mr. A. J. Jones will coordinate the lists of all who were interested in the site and bring this back to the next meeting; Me. Lomis will work on CD for the future; Ms. Lockhart will work with the Realtors.*

In this regard, suggestions were made to contact Beachview Tent Rentals for a temporary donation of a tent for City functions; and as a site for Chamber after hours; weddings, and other events. Mr. Morrissey to discuss with the City Manager proposed rental costs, etc., and report back to the SMIG committee at the next meeting.

IX. REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

A. None

X. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC – ANY ITEM RELATED TO THE SMIG MISSION – NO DISCUSSION.

XI. ADJOURNMENT *Motion to adjourn by Mr. Morrissey, Second by Mr. Loomis, Unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 10:23 AM. Next meeting Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 9:00 AM at the DDA Building (Ward Hernandez Building).*

This is a FINAL approved meeting minutes.

Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.

William Jennings Bryan quoted at the Council presentation on June 14, 2010 regarding the 100 Ready Street Project